THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) While there is no specific provision in the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 regarding the level of Inquiry Officers, instructions have been issued to the effect that the inquiries should be conducted by an officer sufficiently senior to the officer whose conduct being inquired into.

(c) In the absence of clear prohibition for appointment of an inquiry officer of an equivalent level officer, the inquiry conducted by such an equivalent officer cannot be held to be vitiated, since the ultimate decision on the inquiry report is to be taken by the disciplinary authority.

Representation from All India Association of SC/ST and Physically Handicapped

3917. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grievances submitted to the Prime Minister's Office by the All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's upliftment through post/by hand from 24th August, 2001 to date;

(b) the details of the demands made therein;

(c) the details of the directives sent to the concerned authorities and the action taken as per DoPT/Government policy on reservation;

(d) the reasons for not implementing DoPT order and not taking action by the concerned authorities inspite of several reminders; and

(e) by when the action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Since 25.8.2001, two letters dated 26.9.2001 and 10.10.2001 have been received in Prime Minister's

Office from All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's Upliftment (R). The letters pertained to non-following of reservation/share in allotment of plots by Noida/Greater Noida Authorities.

(c) The letters of Association pertains to land allotment which is a State subject, hence no directive was issued.

(d) Government's policy on reservation circulated by DoPT deals with reservation in jobs and not on issue of allotment of land. As such no action was considered necessary and the letters were filed by the Prime Minister's Office.

(e) Does not arise.

Re-introduction of Single Directive

3918. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Single Directive' prohibiting investigation against officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above without Government's permission, is being re-introduced;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above who are being investigated at present by CBI; and

(d) how many such officers have been prosecuted during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission Bill, 1999, as Reported by the Joint Parliamentary Committee, contains in clause 27 an amendment to Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946 to this effect. The Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee was presented to the Parliament on 22.11.2000 and is pending consideration in the Lok Sabha.

(c) As on 31.3.2002, 93 officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and